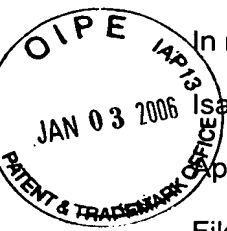


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In re Patent Application of)

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For: MANGANESE COMPOSITIONS FOR)
TREATING SKIN VASCULAR TISSUE)
AND COMBATING SKIN PALLOR)

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: SHARMILA S GOLLAMUDI

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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted within three (3) months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later. Since these documents are being filed within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

The following remarks are offered regarding the documents which are not in English.

JP 4-178313 is in Japanese. An English language abstract is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance. Applicants do not have an English translation of this reference, which describes a cream exhibiting the effects of disinfection, sterilization of a mixture containing (a) an acetic acid ester, allantoin, cetanol, paraben, propylene glycol . . . and (b) a liquid mixed with hydrogen ion, sodium ion . . . manganese ion. There is no mention of an organic or inorganic manganese salt or of any effect on relaxing vascular cutaneous tissue and combating skin pallor.

JP10-194910 is in Japanese. An English language abstract is provided to serve as a brief statement of relevance. A machine-made English translation is also provided. This reference refers to a disinfecting composition having sterilizing effects without causing skin roughening comprising an acidic aqueous solution and iodide ions and manganese ions.

There is no mention of an organic or inorganic manganese salt or of any effect on relaxing vascular cutaneous tissue and combating skin pallor.

Applicants also wish to point out that the Nasu et al. article relates to the action of manganese with respect to the contraction/relaxation of smooth muscles. The conclusion suggests that Mn^{+2} (manganese ion) has both contrary effects, i.e. an inhibitory effect on calcium channels (relaxation), and an effect on cell permeability enhancing entry of calcium and so the contraction mechanism. Further, there is no mention of the use of manganese salt, especially not of organic manganese salts. Not only is there no mention of an organic or inorganic manganese salt, but there is no mention of any effect on relaxing vascular cutaneous tissue and combating skin pallor.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider this statement and its enclosures and that an Examiner-initialed copy of the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be returned to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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	NASU, Tetsuyuki, <i>"Actions of Manganese Ions in Contraction of Smooth Muscle"</i> , Gen. Pharmac., 1995, Vol. 26, No. 5, pp. 945-953, Elsevier Science Ltd., Great Britain

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